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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STIEBER ET AL.

Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2-9 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 15, lines 5-6, the phrase “a second cash handling machine” is not clear as no “first cash handling machine” has been recited. It is noted that “a first cash handling device” has been recited from line 3. However, the former language is not clear with regards to the descriptive portion of the specification and the associated drawings. Clarification is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 2-4, 15, 16 and 19, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amos in view of Watanabe. Applicant is directed to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004 for the rationale for using these references. Applicant's June 1, 2004 REMARKS have been reviewed, but are not convincing. It is noted that Amos's devices may not dispense coins or notes if the coins or notes have been depleted. As is, Applicant's claim language would be fully met. Also, regarding the claim 15 phrase “operating without servers” that was inserted, it is noted that the intended use language that precedes this phrase, i.e. “for locally distributed

wireless networks,” does not positively recited a wireless network. Thus, whether or not a server is provided is not given equal patentable weight in juxtaposition to the positively recited claim language. The network standard recited is deemed met by Amos, as modified by Watanabe.

4. Claims 5-7, 17 and 18, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Amos as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of Richardson et al. Applicant is directed to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004 for the rational for using these references. Applicant’s REMARKS do not obviate the previous Office Action.

5. Applicant’s Information Disclosure Statement has been reviewed. Please note attached PTO-1449.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 703-308-7808. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m until 6 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Mr. Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A' and 'R'.